

**AmeriCorps* VISTA opportunities are currently available with the
Indiana Department of Correction**

Paid Positions in National Service

More than just a job, serve your community as an Indiana AmeriCorps* VISTA member. Join over 6,000 others from across the country, help alleviate poverty. Full-time positions require a one-year commitment.

Pay and benefits: Professional level experience, gross monthly stipend of \$865, paid biweekly, free healthcare coverage, free training, federal student loan deferment (w/interest paid), no physical labor. Bonus of \$4,725 education award or \$1,200 cash stipend at completion. Special preference for future federal employment. Paid relocation and moving allowance available.

How to Apply: Limited number of positions in Indiana available. Competitive applications.

E-mail resume/inquiries to cdcarter@doc.in.gov

You must officially apply online by following these simple instructions:

1. Go to <https://recruit.cns.gov/>
2. Click "Find a Program"
3. Select "Ex-offender Reentry" as the Service Area
4. Select "Indiana" as the State
5. Select "Full Time" as the Work Schedule
6. Select "AmeriCorps*VISTA" as the Program Type
7. Click Search
8. Select the programs of interest to you. NOTE: Only those programs with a red star are accepting applications. Click "Show Details"
9. Select the position(s) you wish to apply for (you may apply for up to 10 positions) then click "Apply for Selected Programs" button. This will forward you to the online application.

All inquiries will receive a response. **!!POSITIONS FILL QUICKLY!!**

Ameri*Corps* VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) provides members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty. Established in 1964.

**AmeriCorps* VISTA Indiana: Fighting Poverty with Passion
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www.nationalservice.org

Indiana Department of Correction

www.in.gov/indcorrection/

The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) strives to maintain public safety and ensure that released offenders are prepared to lead productive lives as law-abiding citizens in the communities in which they live. To that end, we have adopted the national reentry model, Transition from Prison to Community Initiative. Solutions-based reentry programming begins on day one of incarceration. An individualized treatment and programmatic plan is developed for both adult and juvenile offenders. Case management is utilized to monitor and revise the plan as the offender progresses through the various stages of the reentry process. Successful reentry planning involves multi-organizational partnerships that engage criminal justice and human service agencies, neighborhood organizations, faith-based groups, crime victims, and the general public in communities that are home to large numbers of returning offenders in collaborative problem-solving.

In 2007, the Indiana Department of Correction is expected to release more than 17,500 adult and juvenile offenders from incarceration. The Department strives to improve the quality of programming and services provided to offenders while they are incarcerated and to focus its efforts on positively impacting community reentry. They seek to not only sustain, but grow their reentry efforts through grants and non-traditional funding sources as well as to continually evaluate their programs, service, and impact on the offender population. AmeriCorps* VISTA members will assist the Department in public relations and outreach, collaboration and support, volunteer mentor programming, technology support, grant development., adult offender programming, juvenile mental health services, staff development and training and case management services.

AmeriCorps* VISTA opportunities currently available include:

Reentry Housing and Community Development Authority Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-2)

The Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) helps build strong communities by providing a continuum of housing from homelessness to homeownership. Successful reentry planning involves collaborative problem-solving partnerships that engage criminal justice and human service agencies, neighborhood organizations, faith-based groups, crime victims, and the general public within communities that are home to large numbers of returning offenders. These two agencies are committed to identifying and supporting safe, decent and affordable housing options for ex-offenders.

The AmeriCorps* VISTA assigned to IHCD will serve as the liaison between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and the Indiana Department of Correction on ex-offender housing issues. The VISTA will establish, enhance and expand a clearinghouse of housing information supporting ex-offenders, and educate the public and other interested parties on the housing needs of the ex-offender population.

IDOC/Adult Offender Programming Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-0)

The AmeriCorps* VISTA Adult Offender Programming Specialist involves research, writing, and program development for adult offenders. The successful candidate will research and document evidence-based practices in adult offender programming nationwide, and develop and evaluate adult offender programming for the Indiana Department of Correction consistent with evidence-based practices.

IDOC/Community Outreach Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-5)

Department of Correction. Positions will be located in Evansville, Indianapolis and Gary. VISTA members will assist with the transition from incarceration to the community. They will identify community resources for parolees, engage in community education about ex-offender reentry and recruit mentors who will assist released offender reintegration.

IDOC/Grants Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-6)

The VISTA serving as the IDOC Grants Specialist will assist the Indiana Department of Correction Grant Coordinator with funding opportunity research and grant writing on a wide variety of topics to support reentry efforts. The VISTA member will create a sustainable grant funding calendar, establish facility protocol for assisting the grant-writing process and assist staff with writing grants.

IDOC/Indiana Women's Prison Outreach Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-3)

The AmeriCorps* VISTA assigned to the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) will assist with various public relations activities at IWP to support and strengthen ties with the surrounding community. The VISTA will build the capacity of the volunteer program, process donations and organize the offenders as they work on projects with donated materials.

IDOC/Juvenile Reentry Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-7)

The AmeriCorps* VISTA member assigned to this project will establish a statewide clearinghouse of community mental health services for released juvenile offenders; educate the public and other interested parties on the community mental health needs of released juveniles; and develop protocols for referrals and follow-up to community mental health services upon release from a DOC juvenile facility.

IDOC/Plainfield Reentry Educational Facility Community Relations Outreach Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-1)

The AmeriCorps* VISTA member assigned to this project will assist with the development and implementation of a community relations campaign to educate the general public about offender reentry and the needs of the population. The VISTA member will identify existing resources and compile and maintain a resource database to assist individuals preparing for reentry with particular attention paid to housing and employment resources of special needs populations. The member will also assist with volunteer recruitment and training to work with incarcerated and released offenders.

IDOC/Special Populations Coordinator

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-8)

We are looking for 3 AmeriCorps* VISTA members to conduct research nationwide on sex offender issues, particularly sex offender reentry issues (treatment, supervision, and registration). VISTA members will update the Indiana Sex Offender Registry, assist with educating the general public and justice professionals about sex offender issues and the needs of this population and assist with training Department staff and justice professionals on sex offender registration and registry issues.

IDOC/Faith and Character Specialist

- (Listing ID: 07VSNIN003-10)

The VISTA candidate will consult with staff, volunteers, and participants and then develop standard lesson plans and activities from the selected curriculum for use in all facilities with PLUS Programs. Position will be based out of the DOC Central Office in Indianapolis with travel opportunities to the facilities.